

Coastal America Partnership: Planned Activities for Coastal Zone 2011

July 17-21, 2011

Background

The Coastal Zone 2011 Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois from July 17-21, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The theme of the conference is “Winds of Change: Great Lakes, Great Oceans and Great Communities.” The Hyatt Regency Chicago is located near the Shedd Aquarium, a Coastal America Learning Center. Given the theme and geographic location of the conference, there is a unique opportunity and venue to celebrate the Coastal America Partnership and the Learning Center Network during the Coastal Zone 2011 Conference.

The Coastal America federal initiative to restore and protect our nation’s coastal resources was announced by then President H.W. Bush twenty years ago at Coastal Zone 1991. Five years later, in the spring of 1996, the Coastal America Principals approved establishment of a formal partnership with regionally-based non-federal organizations such as aquariums to promote public awareness of coastal and marine issues and increase involvement in coastal restoration and protection efforts. The New England Aquarium was designated the first learning center in September 1996. Today, there are 23 formally designated learning centers including one in Mexico and one in Canada. The Coastal Zone 2011 Conference in Chicago, Illinois is an appropriate venue to celebrate Coastal America’s 20th Anniversary, the 15th Anniversary of the Coastal America Learning Center Network. In addition, this is a valuable opportunity to highlight the many successes of the CWRP. The Coastal America Partnership will host several activities/events and sponsor several panel sessions in conjunction with the CZ 2011 Conference:



Coastal America Learning Center Network



Coastal America at Coastal Zone 2011 Activities at a Glance

SUNDAY, JULY 17

Training Session – (Hyatt Regency) – Collaborative Leadership: Effectively Engaging the Public in Decisions that Affect Coastal Communities

MONDAY, JULY 18

CZ 11 Conference Opens – (6:00pm – 8:00pm, Hyatt Regency) Informal get together at Welcome Reception.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

CZ11 CWRP Session (2:45pm - 4:00pm) - The Power of Private/Public Partnership to Achieve Coastal Restoration & Protection Goals: The Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

CELC Working Session/Annual Meeting (8:00am - 12:00pm, Shedd Aquarium Executive Conference Room)

CZ11 CELC Session (1:00pm – 2:15pm, Hyatt Regency) – Aquariums & Federal Agencies Working Together to Improve Ocean Literacy and Advance Coastal Stewardship: The Coastal America Learning Center Network, Hyatt Regency

Public Family Day at the Shedd Aquarium (10:00am – 5:00pm)

CZ 2011 Evening Reception at the Shedd Aquarium (7:00pm – 10:00pm)

THURSDAY, JULY 21

CZ11 Coastal America 20th Session (9:00am - 10:00am, Hyatt Regency): Coastal America: Twenty Years of Creating Partnerships and Building Tools for Tomorrow

CWRP Working Session/Annual Meeting (3:00pm – 5:30pm, Hyatt Regency)

Partnership Evening Reception/Dinner (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Partnership Annual Meeting - Mobilizing the Partnership to support the National Ocean Policy Strategic Action Plans (8:00am – 12:30pm, Hyatt Regency)